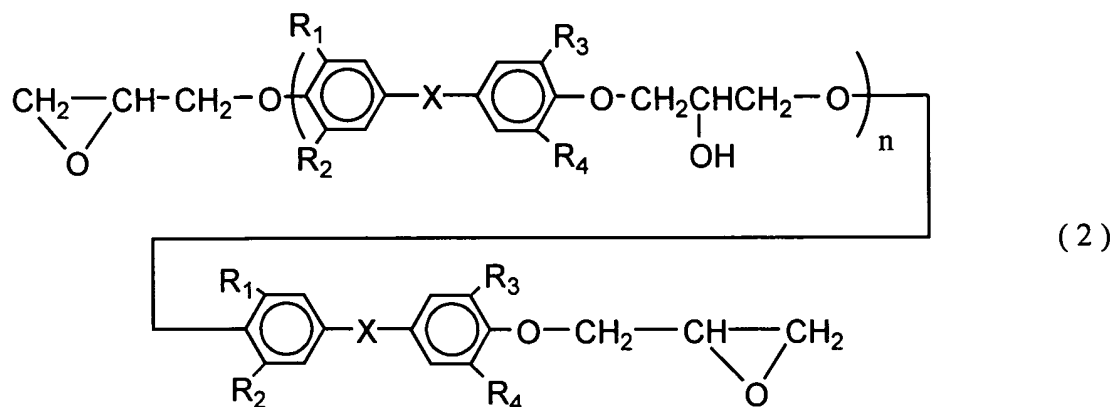


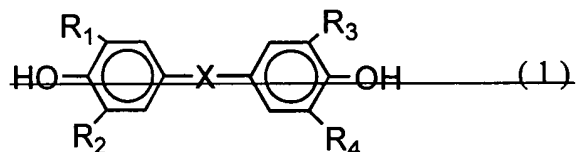
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

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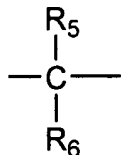
1. (Currently amended) ~~An~~ A non-crystalline epoxy resin represented by general formula (2),



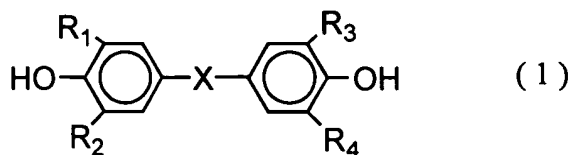
wherein R_1 - R_4 indicate a hydrocarbon group of carbon number 1-6, n is 0 or integer of 1 or more and X ~~in aromatic compound (1)~~



is a bond or the following general formula



wherein ~~R_1 - R_6 indicates~~ R_5 - R_6 indicate a hydrogen atom or hydrocarbon group of carbon number 1-6, obtained by reacting an aromatic compound represented by general formula (1) and epihalohydrine,



wherein R₁-R₄ and X are as identified herein,

having molecular weight distribution comprising, content of n=0 component ~~in the epoxy resin represented by general formula (2)~~ is 60% or less and epoxy equivalent is 250g/eq or over.

2. (Original) The epoxy resin of claim 1, wherein aromatic compound represented by general formula (1) according to claim 1, is 3,3',5,5'-tetramethyl-4,4'-dihydroxyldiphenyl methane.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Original) A coated product prepared by coating the epoxy resin composition of claim 1 on the surface of an object and curing the coating.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Original) A coated product prepared by coating the epoxy

resin composition of claim 2 on the surface of an object and curing the coating.

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Cancelled).